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In re Application of)
TAYLOR, Rod et al.)
Serial No: 10/602,604) Art Unit: 2874
Filed: June 25, 2003) Examiner: PALMER, Phan T. H.
)

For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MANIPULATING MICROSCOPIC QUANTITIES OF MATERIAL**

February 25, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 25, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, the Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the claims forming Group I defined by the Examiner, namely claims 1-10, 17-27, and 41-42.

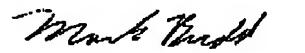
The Applicant requests that the election requirement be modified. The Examiner has grouped claims 12-16 within a separate group of the application from that of claim 1, on which claims 12-16 are dependent. The Applicant submits that claims 12-16 should have been included in the Group I defined by the Examiner, as they are also directed to a method of manipulating a microscopic quantity of material. Should the restriction requirement be made final, the Applicant requests that claims 12-16 be included in the set of elected claims.

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Furthermore, the Examiner has not identified to which group claims 28-40 and
claim 44 belong.

Reconsideration or modification of the restriction requirement is kindly
requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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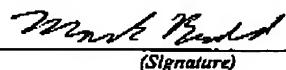
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